

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

—As is well known in the art, a pair of rear wheels (not shown) are provided on a lower portion of the canister assembly 52 and a pair of front wheels (also not shown) are provided on the nozzle assembly 10 for movement across the floor. To allow for convenient storage of the vacuum cleaner, a foot latch 62 functions to lock the canister assembly 52 in an upright position as shown in ~~Figure 3~~Figure 4. When the foot latch 62 is released, the canister assembly 52 may be pivoted relative to the nozzle assembly 10 as the vacuum cleaner 50 is manipulated back and forth to clean the floor.—